ABSTRACT

A method for preparing 5-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-[2-((2R,4R)-4-hydroxy-6-oxotetrahydro-pyran-2-yl)-ethyl]-2-isopropyl-4-phenyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylic acid phenylamide (I), a key intermediate in the synthesis of atorvastatin calcium, is described.